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Riverside Streetcar Study Gives Residents Opportunity to Shape Debate

Community charrette Wednesday evening to focus on possible routes, destinations and more

RIVERSIDE, Calif. – Community members with an interest in how a streetcar system might provide additional public transportation options are invited to join in a community charrette and provide their own input Wednesday (9/24) evening.

The public event is scheduled for 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Cesar Chavez Community Center, 2060 University Avenue. City of Riverside staff members who are working on the Riverside Reconnects streetcar study will be available to answer questions and provide additional information.

The study is examining the pros and cons of creating a streetcar system on University Avenue between downtown Riverside and UC Riverside and/or along Magnolia Avenue from downtown Riverside to the La Sierra area. The streetcar system would work in connection with existing bus service to create the most efficient public transportation system possible with additional options for travelers.

A charrette is a community work session that encourages public participation. Possible topics include:

- * creating six alternative alignments for further study.
- * identifying primary destinations that would be served by a streetcar.
- * identifying areas where land use could be changed.
- * evaluating different system technologies.
- * deciding what criteria should be a priority in the study, including travel time, cost, land use compatibility, ridership, etc.

More information on the charrette and the study can be found at www.riversidereconnects.com